

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-32 (Cancelled)

33. (Previously Presented) A microscopic surgery system, comprising:

a surgical microscope having a microscope eyepiece unit for observing a region for treatment;

an ultrasonic probe for microscopic operations to examine the region for treatment; and

an electric probe joint for electrically powering the ultrasonic probe provided on an outer wall of the microscope eyepiece unit of the surgical microscope, wherein a connector provided in the ultrasonic probe releasably couples the ultrasonic probe to the electric probe joint.

34. (Previously Presented) A microscopic surgery system according to claim 33, wherein a probe holder, on which an observation body of the ultrasonic probe can be temporarily located before or during operations, is attached to the outer wall.

35. (Previously Presented) A microscopic surgery system according to claim 34, wherein the probe holder is located at a position where, when the observation body of the ultrasonic probe for microscopic operations is temporarily located thereon, the field of view for observation by the surgical microscope will not be blocked by the observation body.

36. (Previously Presented) A microscopic surgery system according to claim 33, wherein the electric probe joint supplies a driving signal from an ultrasonic observation apparatus to one or more ultrasonic transducer elements in the ultrasonic probe.

37. (Previously Presented) A microscopic surgery system according to claim 36, wherein the electric probe joint transmits a received signal from the one or more ultrasonic transducer elements to the ultrasonic observation apparatus.